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Preſented to both HOUSES, with the ſeverall Anſwers of the *Lords* and *Commons* in Parliament.

LONDON,
Printed for *Robert Boſtocke*.
March. 27. 1647.

TO

The Right Honourable the Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament,

The humble Petition of Colonels, Lieutenant Colonels, Majors and other Officers that have faithfully served the great Cause of the Kingdome, under the Authority of Parliament,

Sheweth,

THat your Petitioners having faithfully served you in the maintenance and settlement of Religion, the liberty of the Subjects, and the Privileges of Parliament, according to the tenor of the nationall Covenant taken by them, in the time of the Kingdomes greatest exigence (which were the princi-

pall ends for which they were at first ingaged) and cannot but hold themselves bound in honour and conscience, in concurrence with many others, to tender to your Honours Considerations, such things as they in all submission do conceive exceedingly conducing to the speedy effecting of the said ends, together with their owne sad and neglected condition, humbly desiring your Honours favourable construction of their good intentions therein, and opportune and timely answer unto these ensuing particulars, *viz* as followeth.

1. That the publique worship of God may speedily be setled, according to the word of God, and the example of the best Reformed Churches.

2. That the Subject may have the benefit of *Magna Charta*, and the Petition of Right, so farre forth as may comport with the necessity of the Kingdome.

3. That all Committees in the severall Counties may be removed, and that they, the Treasurers, and Sequestrators of the said Counties may be called to a speedy and strict account, for the better satisfaction and ease of the Kingdome.

4. That the Arreares of such Officers as have served under any generall Command, may have their accounts speedily audited in *London*, and that a speciall Order may be issued to the severall Committees of accounts residing in other Counties, forthwith to audit the accounts of such Officers as have been subservient to the Orders of the Committees of the said Counties.

5. That such pay as shall appeare due unto the said Officers under the hands of the Committees of Accounts, according to the establishment, may be forth-

with

with paid unto them with intereſt, and the Ordinance upon the Biſhops Lands, with the ſecurity of the Exciſe may be revived for the diſcharge thereof; that for ſuch part as is reſpited upon the publique faith, it may be diſcharged with intereſt, at the end of ſix moneths deducting the ſurcharges of the ſeverall Counties, and that an Order may be iſſued to the ſaid ſeverall Counties to bring in their ſurcharges within the time of three moneths, or otherwaies they ſhall not be charged on our Accounts; that ſo all of us may not be utterly ruined as ſome of us already are, by long and tedious ſollicitation, nor your juſtice blemiſhed thorough our neceſſities and ſufferings.

6. That all ſuch Officers and Souldiers as have contracted any Debt ſince this Warre began, in order to the carrying on of the publique Service, either for the want of the payment of their due Sallary, or by reaſon of their own diſburſment, may have their perſons free from all Proceſſes, Arreſts, or Moleſtations, until their Arreares ſhal be diſcharged, and that then their Creditors ſhall be proportionably ſatisfied, and the ſaid Officers left to the uſuall courſe and full power of the Law as formerly.

7. That an Act of Indemnitie may be paſſed for all Officers and Souldiers, for ſuch actions as have bin done by them in reference to the publique Service ſince the beginning of this Warre.

8. That all ſuch Officers as have loſt the benefit of their Eſtates, and have diſburſed divers ſummes of Money for the rayſing of Men, Horſes, Armes, or Ammunition, or in the management of their publique truſts, ſhall be conſidered for their ſaid loſſes,

and

and allowed for their ſaid disburſments upon juſt proofe thereof made before the Committee of Accompts; And that the ſaid Committee ſhall have ſpeciall Order given them to audite ſuch disburſments when they ſhall be brought unto them.

9. That not forgetting your Honours tender care of the ſad condition of bleeding *Ireland*, and that nothing may be wanting on our parts towards the promoting of ſo honourable and pious a worke, ſome of us have ingaged our ſelves already, and the reſt are moſt willing to contribute their beſt aſſiſtance thereunto, when as your Honours ſhall be pleaſed to command us.

And in purſuance of a full Eſtabliſhment of the particulars aforeſaid, as in your great Wiſedome ſhall be thought moſt convenient, Your Petitioners doe offer their utmoſt ſervice and aſſiſtance, with their Lives and Fortunes.

And ſhall ever pray, &c.

Dit

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THe Right Honourable Houſe of Lords being informed, that divers Officers that have ſerved the Parliament and Kingdome were at the doore, deſiring to preferre a Petition to them, they were called in, and Colonell *Richard Sandys* did preſent the ſame, ſtiled, The Humble Petition of Colonells, Lieutenant Colonells, Majors, and other Officers that have faithfully ſerved the great Cauſe of the Kingdome under the Authority of Parliament: which being read, the Petitioners were commanded to withdraw, and after debate they were called in againe, and the Speaker gave them the Anſwer of the Houſe, *viz.*

The Houſe gives you thanks for your Affections to this Houſe.

They give you thanks for your good Services done for the Parliament and Kingdome.

They give you thanks for your Conſtancy and Perſeverance in your Affections to the well-fare of the Kingdome.

They give you thanks for your Readineſſe to ſerve the Parliament in the Iriſh Warre, and doe promiſe when they have occaſion to imploy you.

For your Arreares, they will uſe their utmoſt endeavours, that you may be ſpeedily ſatisfied.

And for the other particulars, they will take them into ſpeedy Conſideration.

FINIS.

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Hen. Elſyng Cler.
Parl. D. Com.

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